

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/339,826
Filing Date	June 25, 1999
First Named Inventor	Masuhiko NATSUHARA, et al
Group Art Unit	1755
Examiner Name	K. Group
Attorney Docket Number	50395-028

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

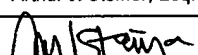
- a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1.03(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500417.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$770.00
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other (additional claims, etc.)
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Arthur J. Steiner, Esq.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	26,106
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Applicant: Masuhito MATSUHARA, et al. Docket No. 50395-028

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 pages of Abstract ☐ Req. for Oral Hearing

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Small Entity ☐ Large Entity ☐ Rule 312 Amendment/Letter ☐ Req. for Acknowledgement of Cited Art

☐ Declaration/Power of Attorney ☐ Issue Fee

☐ Recordation of Assignment/Security Agreement ☐ Publication Fee

☐ Information Disclosure Statement ☐ Req. for Certificate of Correction

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 copies of cited references ☐ Fee Address Indication Form

☐ Preliminary Amendment ☐ Terminal Disclaimer

☐ Response to Missing Parts Notice ☐ Petition to Commissioner

☐ Resp. to Notice to Correct App. Papers ☐ Status Inquiry

☐ Certified Copy of Priority Doc. ☒ Other Amendment

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In re Application of

Masuhiro NATSUHARA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/339,826

Filed: June 25, 1999

For: CERAMIC BASE MATERIAL

: Customer Number: 20277

: Confirmation Number: 3109

: Group Art Unit: 1755

: Examiner: K. Group

REPLY TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**RECEIVED**
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed November 17, 2003, it is respectfully submitted that a Request for Continued Examination and Amendment were timely filed on October 23, 2003, in response to the Decision on Appeal dated August 29, 2003. Copies of the papers, together with a copy of the date-stamped receipt card evidencing the filing thereof, are attached herewith.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the notice of abandonment be rescinded and the application returned to pending status and that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted pursuant to the provisions of
37 C.F.R. §1.114.

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